

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 30 DECEMBER 2020
IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 11.37pm. (C) denotes attendance via conference call

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr K Buchanan
Mr R Butler
Mr C McGrath
Mr G Middleton
Mr A Muir
Mr J O'Dowd

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Ms L Hogg	Clerk/Chief Executive
Dr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr J McMillan	Head of Legal Services
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms P Devlin	Assistant Assembly Clerk
Mr M O'Hare	Clerical Supervisor

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Dolores Kelly, John Stewart and Sinead Ennis.

2 Finalisation of the Order Papers for the Plenary Meeting on 31 December 2020

Thursday 31 December

2.1 The Speaker advised Members that he had received a notice from more than 30 Members requesting that a Private Members' Motion be debated at an additional sitting on 31 December.

- 2.2 Members **agreed** that the sitting would commence at 11am, to allow time for any amendments to be considered.
- 2.3 Members **agreed** to schedule two hours for the debate, with 10 minutes to move and wind, 20 minutes for the Minister's response and 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- 2.4 The Speaker noted that this would be the third sitting in either plenary or Ad-Hoc committee format since recess began and asked Members to be mindful of the impact on staff who had to return from leave to facilitate these.

3 **Date and time of next meeting**

- 3.1 Members **agreed** that the next meeting would take place at 1pm on Tuesday 12 January 2021 in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 11.47am

**The Speaker
Chairperson**